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The Honorable Esther Salas, U.S.M.J.  
U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey  
MLK, Jr. Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse - Court Room 2D  
50 Walnut Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07101

**Re: Mechin v. Carquest Corporation, et al.  
Civil Action No. 07-5824**

Dear Judge Salas:

As discussed with Your Honor's chambers this afternoon, I am writing on behalf of non-party Bridgestone Retail Operations, LLC ("BSRO") to request permission to have its workers' compensation counsel, Gregory C. DiCarlo, Esq., and a company representative present at the Settlement Conference before Your Honor on December 3, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. As Your Honor will recall, BSRO was plaintiff's employer at the time of the underlying accident, and it wishes to be represented at the Conference with respect to the enforcement of its workers' compensation lien.

It is my understanding that the parties have been advised of the amount of the workers' compensation lien on a periodic basis and the updated lien amount will be provided by Mr. DiCarlo to the parties in advance of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference. If Your Honor would like to be copied on Mr. DiCarlo's correspondence regarding the updated lien amount, he will do so.

Mr. DiCarlo or I will contact Your Honor's chambers early next week as to the status of this request. In the meantime, we thank you for Your Honor's attention to this matter.

BSRO is to submit a confidential letter, not to exceed 5 pages in total, summarizing the relevant facts, the respective legal position and the client's position on settlement, NO LATER than November 30, 2010.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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Esther Salas, U.S.M.J.  
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